

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 19-22, 26 and 43-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Chau et al (US Patent 6,858,478 filed 2/14/2003) in view of Nakajima et al (US Pub. No. 2004/0142567 filed 11/6/2003).

Applicant respectfully request the removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 obviousness rejection based on Chau et al. (US Patent 6,858,478). Chau et al. (US Patent 6,858,478) has an effective filing date of August 23, 2002 and was published on February 26, 2004. The present application was filed on December 30, 2003. Accordingly, Chau et al. (6,858,478) constitutes prior art only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of the Chau et al (6,858,478) and the presently claimed invention were at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person (Intel Corporation). Accordingly, in view of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), Applicant respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) obviousness rejections of claim 19-22, 26, and 33-52 based upon Chau et al. (6,858,478).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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